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## Notice to Homeowners and Contractors:

**Anti-entrapment cover is required to be installed on existing swimming pool, toddler pool, or spa for single-family remodel building permit effective January 2007**

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, there are 13 confirmed deaths between 1990 and 2004 resulted from drowning after the body or limb was held against the drain by the suction of the pool circulation pump. Last year, California Assembly Bill (AB) 2977 was approved to require that whenever a building permit is issued for the modification of a single family home with an existing swimming pool, toddler pool, or spa, the permit shall require that the suction outlet of the existing swimming pool, toddler pool, or spa to be upgraded so as to be equipped with an anti-entrapment cover meeting the current standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.” AB 2977 takes into effect January 1, 2007.

City of Santa Clara Building Inspection Office is therefore requiring all single family remodel building permits (excluding electrical, plumbing and mechanical permit not associated with swimming pool, toddler pool or spa) to comply with AB 2977. Owner, contractor, or permit applicant will need to declare whether there is an existing swimming pool, toddler pool or spa at the time of permit application. **Prior to final of the remodel permit**, owner needs to certify that an anti-entrapment device(s) meeting the standards of the American Society for Testing and materials or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers is installed at their existing swimming pool, toddler pool, or spa.